

Home Fire Safety Checklist Make sure your home and family are safe from fire by using this checklist.

	Yes No	
Matches and		Are matches kept out of reach of small children?
Careless		Are matches kept away from heaters, stoves and
Smoking		other sources of heat?
		Is smoking in bed against house rules?
		Do you check to see that all matches and ashes are cool before you throw them away?
Heating and		
Cooling		Are furnace, stoves, and flue pipes away from combustibles and checked regularly?
		Are walls and ceilings properly protected from sources of heat?
		Are portable heaters located and maintained properly?
		Is the chimney cleaned and checked regularly?
		Are clothes, curtains and furniture away from
		stoves, heaters, and fireplaces?
		Are your stove, oven, broiler, and vent filters have a licensed electrician check your wiring.)
		kept clean from grease?
Electricity		Do the cords on any of your appliances have scorch marks, cracks, frayed wires, or loose, bent or broken plugs?
		Do any cords or electrical outlets feel warm? (If
		so, have a licensed electrician check your wiring.)
Housekeeping	Do yo	ou avoid storing rags, papers, and
		other combustibles in the home?
		Are flammable liquids stored in approved safety cans?and kept away from heat, and out of children's reach?
		Are paints kept in tightly closed metal containers?

		Do you avoid flammable liquids (like gasoline) for cleaning clothes and for starting fires?
	Yes No	
Fire-safe Habits		Do you have smoke detectors?
		Do you check your smoke detectors each month?
		If battery operated, have you changed batteries at
		least once a year?
		Do you have a planned escape for every room in your home?
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		Do you practice home fire drills?
Fire Extinguishers		Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home?
		If you do, have you read the manufacturer's
		instructions to be familiar with your
		extinguisher?

MAKE SURE YOUR WOOD HEATER IS SAFE

The most important rules for using your wood heater safely are:

- 1. Check for safe distances between your heater and anything that can burn.
- 2. Clean your chimney when there is a quarter-inch buildup of creosote.
- 3. Install a smoke detector on every floor and check each one monthly.